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SUBJ: TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS AND EGEAN DISPUTE

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1. TAKING ADVANTAGE DEPUTY DIRECTOR EUR/SE LEDSKY PRESENCE  
ATHENS FOR BASE NEGOTIATIONSBN EMBOFF AND LEDSKY CALLED ON  
DIMITRI MACRIS APRIL 12. MACRIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CYPRUS/  
TURKISH AFFAIRS, MFA, HAD EARLIER ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE  
IN PROVIDING INFORMATION RELEVANT TO BERLIN AIR CORRIDOR

SITUATION (REFTEL), AND ITS POSSIBLE RELATION TO TURKISH  
WORKER FLIGHTS.

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2. LEDSKY AFFORDED MACRIS FULL EXPOSITION OF UNDERLYING

AGREEMENTS RELATING TO AIR SERVICE TO BERLIN THROUGH THREE DESIGNATED CORRIDORS. /MACRIS WELCOMED DETAILED INFORMATION ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATED TO CURRENT BULGARIAN INSISTANCE THAT FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN OR TERMINATING IN WEST BERLIN MUST TOUCH DOWN IN FRG. LEDSFY EXPLAINED THAT BULGARIAN POSITION, THOUGH UNACCEPTABLE TO WEST, PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ALTER THROUGH LEGAL ARGUMENTS.

3. MACRIS SHOWED SENSITIVITY TO DIFFICULTIES FACED BY FRG AS RESULT EXTRA COSTS INCURRED BY WESTERN AIR CARRIERS WHO TRANSPORT TURKISH GUEST WORKERS FROM WEST BERLIN TO ISTANBUL. HE OBVIOUSLY WISHES FIND SOME MEDIUM BY WHICH CURRENT IMPASSE MAY BE RESOLVED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GREEK CLOSURE OF NORTHERN AEGEAN ROUTE (I.E. THESSALONIKI-ISTANBUL AIR CORRIDOR) IN REACTION TO TURKISH NOTAM 714 HAD COMPLICATED SITUATION. HE ARGUED THAT GOG HAD PROPOSED COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO GOT (THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF ICAO) BUT THAT TURKS HAD NOT RESPONDED.

4. MACRIS SUGGESTED HE WISHED TO "ELABORATE" ON VARIOUS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS PROPOSAL TO BULGARIANS THAT AT LEAST ONE LEG OF ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS OVER ITS TERRITORY (WESTBOUND) /NOT REQUIRED TO TOUCH DOWN IN FRG. MACRIS' IMPLICATION WAS THAT GREEKS MIGHT IN THIS CASE PERMIT EASTBOUND WORKER FLIGHTS TO OVERFLY GREECE. LEDSKY SAID BULGARIANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT CHANGE THEIR POSITION, BUT THAT IF GREECE COULD GRANT EVEN ONE WAY OVERFLIGHT, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE USEFUL STEP FORWARD. MACRIS REPLIED THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT STEP FOR GREECE, SINCE ONCE A CORRIDOR WAS OPENED FOR ANY PURPOSE, IT IS NORMALLY OPENED FOR ALL LEGITIMATE PURPOSES. MACRIS ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF PLANES USING THESSALONIKI AS TERMINUS WITH WORKERS THEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM ISTANBUL BY TRAIN OR BUS.

5. FACT THAT MACRIS INITIATED REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND SO OBVIOUSLY WELCOMED LEDSKY VISIT SUGGESTS THAT NEW INITIATIVES MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM GREEK SIDE IN EFFORT ACCOMMODATE FRG. GREEK PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY THAT OF MAINTAINING FINE BALANCE BETWEEN AIDING ALLY (FRG) AND NOT SHOWING WEAKNESS TO TURKS. KUBISCH

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